


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 (Withdrawn)

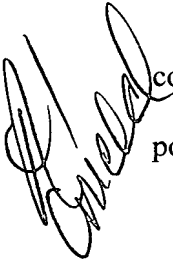
Claims 9-19 (Cancelled)

20. (New) An edge-indicating adhesive tape, comprising:

 a body of thin, flexible, backing material having a front surface, a back surface, and an edge extending therebetween, said backing material including a fluorescent material disposed therein, said fluorescent material being operable to absorb light of a first wavelength and emit light of a second wavelength different from said first wavelength, wherein said fluorescent material is disposed within the body of said backing material so that at least a portion of the light of said second wavelength is reflected from the front surface and the back surface of said backing material so as to exit from the edge thereof[;], whereby said light of said second wavelength makes said edge more visible than if said fluorescent material were absent from said backing material; and

a body of adhesive disposed on at least one of said front surface and said back surface of said backing material.

21. (New) The adhesive tape of claim 20, wherein the amount of said fluorescent material disposed therein is such that the white light optical density of said body of backing material is at least 90% of what the white light optical density of said body of backing material would be in the absence of said fluorescent material.



22. (New) The adhesive tape of claim 20, wherein said backing material comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of: polyesters, polyvinyls, cellulosic polymers, polyvinylidenes, and combinations thereof.

23. (New) The adhesive tape of claim 20, wherein said fluorescent material is a fluorescein dye.
